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ADAMS SAID THE UNITED STATES WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY THE TET OFFENSIVE BECAUSE OF "CORRUPTION IN THE INTELLIGENCE PROCESS". HE SAID THOSE OFFICIALS INVOLVED, INCLUDING CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY, SHOULD BE RETIRED.

"THERE STILL ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHO GREW UP ON VIETNAM," ADAMS SAID. "THESE GUYS ALL MADE THEIR POSITIONS BY SCREWING UP INTELLIGENCE ON VIETNAM."

CHAIRMAN OTIS PIKE, D-N.Y., CALLED ADAMS TESTIMONY "ABSOLUTELY DEVASTATING".

"YOU ARE SAYING THAT POLITICAL DECISIONS WERE MADE AFTER WHICH THE INTELLIGENCE WAS SHAPED TO FIT THE DECISIONS THAT HAD BEEN MADE," PIKE SAID.

"THIS IS WHAT YOU MEAN BY YOUR CHARGE OF CORRUPTION, IS THAT CORRECT?" PIKE ASKED ADAMS. "THE INTELLIGENCE WAS INTENTIONALLY MADE CORRUPTIVE TO COMPLY WITH POLITICAL DECISIONS THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE. IS THAT CORRECT?"

"YES, SIR," ADAMS REPLIED.

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